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## The Path to the Priesthood

The following is the process that a man generally goes through to become a diocesan priest in the Archdiocese of Sydney:

- 1. An enquiry is made to the Vocation Director by phone or email
- 2. An appointment is made with the Vocation Director
- 3. Discernment continues with the help and guidance of the Vocation Director
- 4. If the Vocation Director senses that a man is being called to be a priest, he is invited to make an <u>application</u>
- 5. An application is made to enter the Seminary. The application involves an application form, which is filled out as well as certain tests, including a medical and detail exam and psychological assessment
- 6. Application is reviewed by the Archbishop
- 7. The man attends an interview with the Archbishop. If the Archbishop discerns that he is a suitable candidate then he is accepted into the seminary
- 8. The seminarian begins his formation
- 9. At the end of each year, he and the seminary discerns whether he should continue
- 10. After 6 years, the seminarian is ordained to the diaconate
- 11. The following year, he is ordained to the priesthood

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